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II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 21-30 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

The specification is amended to add the cross-reference to related applications.

Originally filed claims 1-20 are canceled. Claims 1-20 are canceled without prejudice to renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection, and without intent to surrender any subject matter encompassed by the canceled claims. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

New claims 21-30 are added. Support for new claims 21-30 is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, in particular at the following exemplary locations: page 17, line 25 to page 18, line 4; page 30, lines 5-12; and Examples 1-4. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these new claims.

Applicants respectfully request entry of new claims 21-30, as shown above.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCSF077CON2.

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